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In re Application of: Peter J. Cronk; Kristen Cronk

Serial No.: 10/676,520

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For: Adhesively Applied External Nasal Strips and Dilators Containing Medications and Fragrances

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☐ Together with the present application.

☒ Before the first Office Action on the merits or three (3) months from the filing date of this application, whichever occurs last. [37 CFR § 1.97(b)]

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Consistent with Applicant's obligations pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, the following requirements have been met:

☒ No separate requirements are needed.

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Fee Under 37 CFR § 1.97(c) or 1.97(d)

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Certification Under 37 CFR § 1.97(e)

The undersigned certifies:

☐ 1 that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement; or

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Provision of Copies of References

☐ A copy of each of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith and forms a part hereof.

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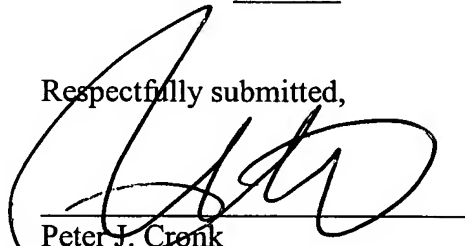
Identification of Prior Application(s) In Which Listed Information Was Already Cited And For Which No Copies Are Submitted Or Need Be Submitted

[X] This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior U.S. Patent Application No. Serial No. 10/859,319, filed May 17, 2001, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/099, 825, filed June 18, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/942,797, filed October 2, 1997, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/791,760, filed January 29, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,706,800. All of the references were submitted to, and/or cited by, the Office in the prior application(s) and therefore are not required to be provided in this application:

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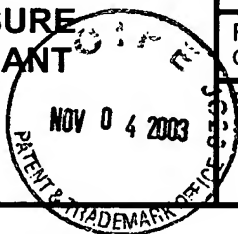
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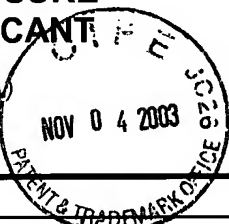
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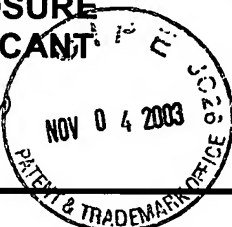
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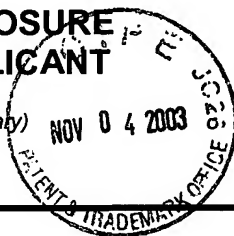
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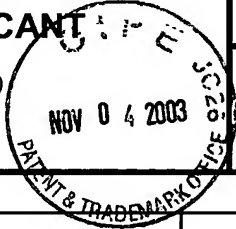


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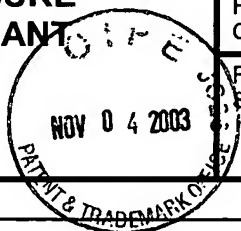


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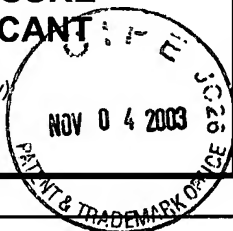
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	EH	Memo from John Neveaux (JLN Associates) to Andy Anderson dated October 30, 1992	
	EI	Letter from Daniel E. Cohen, M.D. (Chairman & CEO of CNS, Inc.) to Ronald S. Spangler, Ph.D (Emerging Growth Equities, LLC) dated September 9, 1996	
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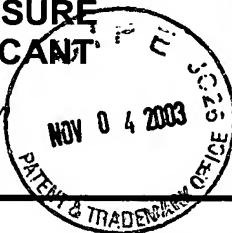
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